

Appl No. 09/618,235
Amdt. Dated October 20, 2003
Reply to Telephone Interview of October 17, 2003
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Remarks

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application.

On October 17, 2003, a telephone interview took place whereby the Examiner stated that the case would be allowed if an after final amendment was filed amending claim 1 as provided in the amendment of December 9, 2002 and striking positions not included in the election of species. As a result of the telephone conversation with the Examiner, Applicants are treating the election of species as a restriction requirement and do not want to create a prejudice for a later filed case pursuing these positions. As per the Examiner's request, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include positions 17 and 89 in clause a; 52 and 134 in clause b; and 155 and 265 in clause c. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections have been overcome.

Further, the Examiner stated that that because an appeal fee was paid and an appeal brief was filed, Applicant need not file any further fees with the after final amendment.

Conclusion

WHEREFORE, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and allowance of Claims 1-21.

Respectfully submitted,

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